

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024

## WE SET OFF

Prelude E. Greig

*“At the Cradle”*

Gathering & Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ

Acolytes

## LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

\*Hymn UMH 230

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle

[The People read bold print.]

The journey continues, and this candle will help light our way.

**We are on our way to more joy.**

Life can be so complicated and filled with distractions.

**We are a people who simply want Good News.**

We need a marker on the journey to tell us to stop and notice the wonder of the moments along the way.

**God’s light goes before us; we are not alone.**

\*Hymn *“Joy to the World”* UMH 246

(Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\*The Peace Pastor Cheryl

## CHILDREN SHOW US THE WAY

Children’s Message Pastor Cheryl

## THE PLACE AND ITS MESSAGE

Scripture Reading Carolyn Trezevant

Gospel: Luke 1:39-49

Message Pastor Cheryl

## Creating Nazareth

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Generosity Pastor Cheryl

Offertory W. S. Lloyd Webber

*“Whence Is This Goodly Fragrance”*

\*Doxology (Tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Praise God for these gifts that we offer today. And bless them for good in the world, this we pray. Praise Jesus, the Christ-child, our Hope and our Stay, the Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way.

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## Proclamation for Our Continued Journey

\*Hymn UMH 234

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

(Vs. 1, 3, & 6)

\*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

\*Choral Benediction Choir

*“Threefold Amen”*

\* Postlude P. Stearns

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

\* **Stand as you are able**

### Mission of the Month

*The December Mission of the Month is Operacion Abrigo. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Operacion Abrigo” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.*



### Worship Leaders

*Cheryl Murray Pastor  
Julio Villeda, Music Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader*

## Upcoming Activities

- Dec. 17 –Men’s Breakfast at Texas Café at 8  
 --Women’s Study Group at 3:00
- Dec. 18 –No Country Home Estates Service  
 --No WOW!  
 --No Choir practice at 7:00
- Dec. 19 –Prayer Shawl Crafting 9:30
- Dec. 20 –Little Ark Programs and Parties  
**Upcoming**
- Dec. 22 –Angel Tree Party at 3:00-5:00  
 Please join us!
- Dec. 23-27 --Little Ark closed  
 --Church Offices Closed
- Dec. 24 –Christmas Eve Service at 7:00
- Dec. 29 –Doughnuts and such after Service



Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children’s Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Julio Villeda
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano

Baked goods and cookies are needed for the Angel Tree Party, on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please leave items in the church kitchen after Service on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Or join us at 3:00! Thank You!!!!

## God Answers Prayers

- Our world, country and leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
  - Bill Knutson (hip replacement)
  - Debbie Dunham
  - Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth Warren
  - Rev. Sam Caldwell (hip replacement)
  - Orvis Reynolds
  - Judy Rudoff
  - Diane Garcia
  - Bill Heitholt
  - Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts’ mother
  - Danny Duncan
  - Mike Smith
  - Betty Martin
  - Anna Blohm
  - Rose Stapleton
  - Carlos Rickman
  - Jack Kelly, Jill Grove’s father
  - Jack Gray
  - Richard Young
  - Glenda Helton
  - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
  - Manuel Harrison
  - Georgia Gholston
  - Melanie & Judy Cortea
  - Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
  - Robert Seay
  - Rita Thompson



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**December 15, 2024**  
**10:00 am. Sanctuary**